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*SPECIAL ISSUE - FIDE 34<sup>TH</sup> CHESS OLYMPIAD REPORT*

**CANADA/SPRAGGETT SHINE !!**

**National Team Report**

Canada placed a good, solid, well –deserved 29<sup>th</sup> in the 129 country/region national team section !! We were initially ranked about 48<sup>th</sup>. In the 14-round swiss format, with a 4-board team playing, we scored 31.5 pts. out of a possible 56 pts. This brings us in just slightly over a 50% performance ( 56.25 % ). On point totals, we tied for 26<sup>th</sup>/32<sup>nd</sup> place ( U.S.A. was one of the countries tied with us ). We were only 6.5 pts. out of 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Russia took the gold with 38 pts. Germany was surprisingly strong and took the silver medal with 37 pts., only 1 pt. out of 1<sup>st</sup>. Ukraine and Hungary placed 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> ( 35.5 pts. ), with Ukraine winning the bronze on tie-break. Israel was 5<sup>th</sup>.

The highlight of the tournament for Canada individually, was the awesome performance of grandmaster Kevin Spraggett, playing second board. He took the silver medal for that board, with an impressive personal performance of 75 % ( 9 pts./12 pts. ) !! He missed the gold by about 2 % - the Ukrainian 2<sup>nd</sup> board, Ponomariov, scored 77.3 %.

Some interesting facts emerge about the strength of the performances :

- Canada lost only 4 of its 14 matches;
- Of the 4 losses, 3 of these teams finished higher than Canada ( # 11, # 13 & # 14 ), and one tied with us in our point group; we lost to strong teams;

- For the 3 higher finishing opponents, they each only won the match by 1 pt. ( 2.5:1.5 ); in each match, had one of our losses been a draw, all the matches would have been drawn;
- 50 % of the matches were against teams who finished higher than us; tough pairings;
- 5/7 of our other opponents finished between # 30 - # 48;
- 5/6 of our players had individual performances of 50% or better ;
- “ ironman “ Lesiege played in all 14 matches on 1<sup>st</sup> board, and still had the second-best individual performance ( 57.1 % );
- our two best results appear to be the draw against 6<sup>th</sup> place Georgia, and the 3:1 win over 24<sup>th</sup> place Yugoslavia.

The table of our wins/draws/losses, with each team’s finishing position, is set out below :

### WINS

# 24 Yugoslavia ( 3:1 ) Rd. 9  
 # 25 Estonia ( 2.5:1.5 ) Rd. 12  
 # 46 Portugal (2.5:1.5 ) Rd. 10  
 # 47 Egypt ( 3:1 ) Rd. 14  
 # 70 Ecuador ( 3:1 ) Rd. 7  
 # 103 Surinam ( 4:0 ) Rd. 1

### DRAWS ( 2:2 )

# 6 Georgia Rd. 2  
 # 39 Czech Rep. Rd. 3  
 # 43 Indonesia Rd. 5  
 # 48 Kyrgyzstan Rd. 8

### LOSSES

# 11 Uzbekistan ( 1.5:2.5 ) Rd. 13  
 # 13 Macedonia ( 1.5:2.5 ) Rd. 6  
 # 14 Bulgaria ( 1.5:2.5 ) Rd. 4  
 # 27 Romania ( 1:3 ) Rd. 11

The table of individual performances is set out below :

<u>Player</u>	<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Games</u>
LESIEGE, Alex	1	57.1 %	# 45/117	8	14
SPRAGGETT, Kevin	2	75 %	# 2/111	9	12
ZUGIC, Igor	3	55.6 %	#40/114	5	9
CHARBONNEAU, Pascal	4	50 %	# 66/104	4.5	9
YOOS, Jack		33.3 %	*	2	6
CUMMINGS, David		50 %	*	3	6

( \* = insufficient games to be ranked )

### National Women’s Team Report

Out of 86 national/regional women’s teams, Canada came 59<sup>th</sup>, scoring 20/42 pts., for a result slightly below 50 %. This placed them tied on pts. for 56<sup>th</sup>/61<sup>st</sup>.

The gold medal was won by China ( 32/42 pts. ), 1 pt. ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place Georgia. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> places were held, respectively, by Russia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. U.S.A. finished 15<sup>th</sup>.

A few interesting statistics on the women's team are :

- 2/4 of the players exceeded 50 % in their personal performances;
- Canada won 6/14 matches;
- The women's teams are composed of only 3 boards, and 1 reserve; all players played effectively an equal number of games ( 11 games – Belc, Chu; 10 games – Charest, Bryskine );
- The Junior member of the team ( Chu ) scored the highest individual performance ( 59.1 % ); this bodes well for future Canadian Women's Teams and should be a strong incentive to our women juniors now coming up through the ranks;

The table of individual performances is set out below :

<u>Player</u>	<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Games</u>
CHAREST, Johanne	1	40 %	# 71/85	4	10
BELC, Daniela	2	54.5 %	# 34/84	6	11
BRYSKINE, Marina	3	35 %	# 68/77	3.5	10
CHU, Stefanie		59.1 %	# 21/62	6.5	11

### **A Big Thank You !!**

Special thanks to our corporate sponsor of the National Team, Sid Belzberg and his company. Not only did it help them, but it freed up CFC funds that could be used for the expenses of the National Women's Team.

And congratulations to all our team members who made such a terrific effort on behalf of Canada. You have shown yourselves to be most worthy representatives !

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